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In re Patent Application of:
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Examiner: O. Chernyshev

For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING INHIBITORS
OF NEURONAL DEGENERATION

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment dated July 2, 2003 (Paper No. 19) was received for the above referenced patent application. The notice states that the application is abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowance. Attached are copies of the Transmittal Letter, Part b - Fee(s) Transmittal, Formal Drawings, and Postcard sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 11, 2003. The Transmittal Letter and Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal Form include Certificates of Mailing by Express Mail, indicating that the Issue Fee and Formal Drawings were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on March 11, 2003.

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Accordingly, the response was timely filed. Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. No fee is believed to be due.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing attorney docket no. 219002031500.

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